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Memorandum

TO: Commission

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FR: Executive Director

RE: TIP Investment Analysis: Focus on Low-Income and Minority Populations

The 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is currently out for public comment with approval scheduled for October 2010.

To further assist in the public assessment of the 2011 TIP, and specifically to address the equity implications of the proposed TIP investments, MTC has conducted an investment analysis with a focus on minority and low-income residents. The key question addressed is: "Are low-income and minority populations sharing equitably in the TIP's financial investments?" To answer this question, the investment analysis uses demographic and geographic criteria to calculate the shares of 2011 TIP investments that will flow to the identified communities, and compares those shares with the proportional size of this group's population and trip-making, relative to that of the general population. The attached report presents the results of that analysis.

We will provide a brief overview of the investment analysis at your meeting as well as continue the public hearing on the 2011 TIP. In addition, staff presented the analysis findings and received comments from the Policy Advisory Council and the Partnership Technical Advisory Committee at their September meetings. The public comment period has been extended through September 30th to take comments on the investment analysis as well as the 2011 TIP and the Conformity Analysis. The 2011 TIP is scheduled for adoption by the Commission at your October meeting.

As this is the first time out the gate for an analysis that has few national models, we expect that future iterations of the investment analysis for the 2013 TIP and its successors can improve on some of the limitations encountered in both the population use-based and geographic-based approaches. Among the improvement areas for consideration:

- Continue to research and identify best practices in the field;
- Improve mapping of GIS data;
- Update and make more consistent available survey data sets for Bay Area travel behavior and demographics; and
- Improve the analytical framework for assessing benefits and burdens to communities of concern for a set of planned infrastructure investments.

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